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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the following references in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97. Copies of the references cited in the attached PTO-1449 are enclosed.

No fee is required because, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) within three months of this application's filing date; (2) within three months of entry into the national phase under 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 of an international application; or (3) before the mailing date of the first office action on the merits. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fee from Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 01-0660.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner, be made a part of the official record, and be cited in the issued patent.

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